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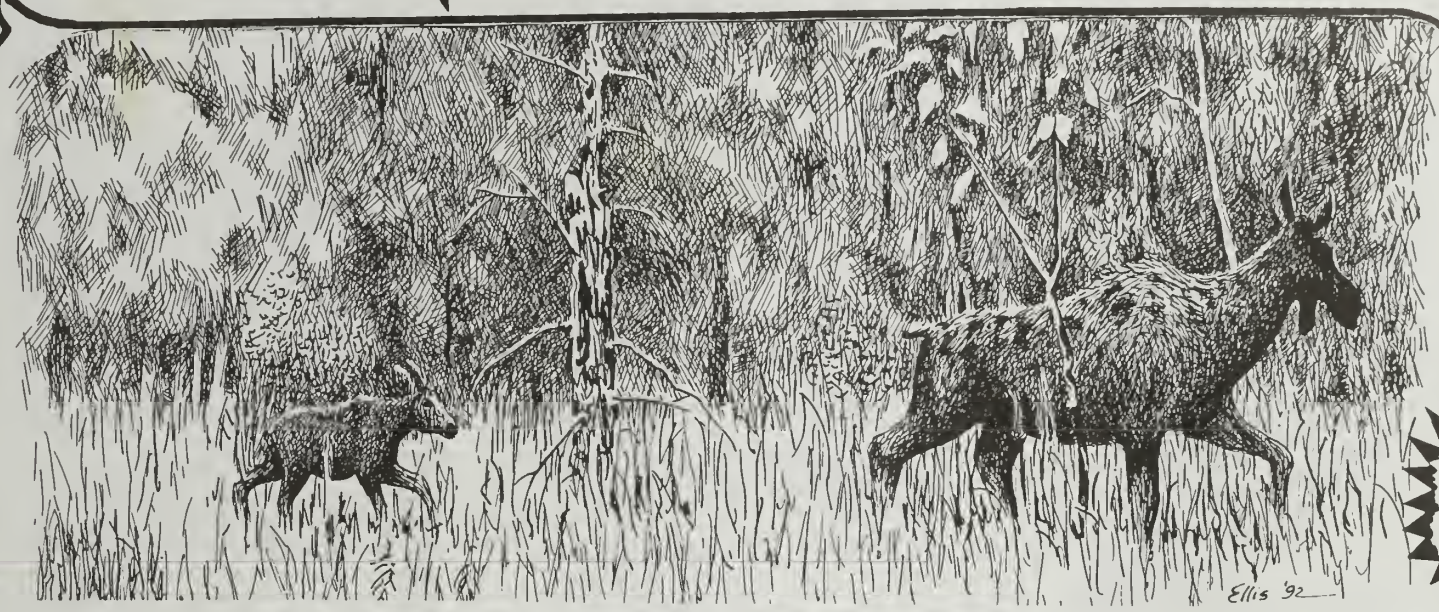

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Kathleen Moves On

I learned that Kathleen Ramsey was leaving her position as Wendell and New Salem's shared administrative assistant when Steve Broll of the Wendell Post asked me to write an article covering her departure. I went to the town offices and spoke with her on a crisp windy day when the leaves were just beginning to turn outside the window.

Wendell has had a shared administrative assistant since 1979, and Kathleen has had that position for four and a half years, shared first with Warwick, and now with New Salem. Her job is to follow through and complete the details of decisions that have been made by the town, at Town Meetings, and by boards and committees. She researched and wrote the grant that rebuilt our old dump into the new recycling center, researched the regulations for capping the landfill found recycling markets, and the recycled paper that the town now uses. She writes town contracts, and warrants, and is in charge of procurements. She recently wrote a grant for individual household containers for plastic recycleing. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday afternoons, when she is in Wendell, she answers the telephone in the town offices.

She has a degree in Political Science from the University of Vermont.

She is going to a full time position as administrative assistant in Hinesburg Vermont, south of Burlington. Hinesburg's population grew from 1,000 in 1980 to 5,000 in 1990, and the town government needs to respond.

When Kathleen first started working here she lived in Amherst, and hoped to move closer to town. Events conspired against that, and she and her husband Brad moved instead to Holyoke. Adding two hours of commuting a day to the long hours she sometimes has to work attending evening meetings, and she has very little time for home. When she interviewed for the job in Hinesburg, she thought the new situation would be ideal; she can live in a house owned by her family, work for one town only, and live close to work. Only when she took the job did she think of the separation of leaving Wendell. Her last day working here is Thursday October 22, and her first day working in Hinesburg is Monday October 26.

We will miss her.

Josh Heinemann

Deb Descavich (pictured) and Mike Carroll of Wendell have lately been spotted riding in their beautiful handmade Amish Spring Wagon pulled by Rex, a Belgian draft horse. Their dog Suki really likes the ride, but they chose a 3-seater to have room for all six of their dogs. Horse and cart were in the French King Parade in September, and recently had the honors at a wedding in Millers Falls. Deb says they ride mostly for fun and relaxation (not their sole means of transportation, as some had suspected!).

Photo & story by Gloria Kegeles

Moose Alert!

Moose sightings in Wendell are numerous enough these days that Wendell residents are warned to drive extra carefully, especially at night. Highway fatalities from collisions with moose have greatly increased in New England. It is likely that Wendell will soon have a breeding population of these large creatures, if indeed we don't already. Part of the rise in sightings is due to the habit of the young, aggressive bulls to wander as the breeding season (now) approaches. Persons out walking who encounter a moose, particularly bulls, should not get closer to these horse-sized deer, which have been known to charge automobiles. It is better to back off - gently - and leave the scene.

Bob Ellis

Town Well Fund

The Wendell Well Fund is doing very "well"! We have had three fund raising events. First was the 1-20 Club Raffle, then a Chinese Auction at the Harvest Festival and most recently a Full Moon Coffee House. Our next fund raiser is a pastel picture of a tree and sunset titled "The End of West Road." Raffle tickets are $1 each, with the drawing to be held on November 3, Election Day. The picture will be at the Library on display. Tickets are available at the Depot Store and the Library, from Ted Lewis, Anne Diemand, Steven Broll, and Gail Krutka.

We are very happy to say we have raised $1,440. As soon as we reach the $3,000 goal, we will have the well dug. Our real goal is $5,000 in order to bring the water to the Town Hall. We want to thank the several people in town who have made donations. Every bit helps.

Anne Diemand
Ted Lewis

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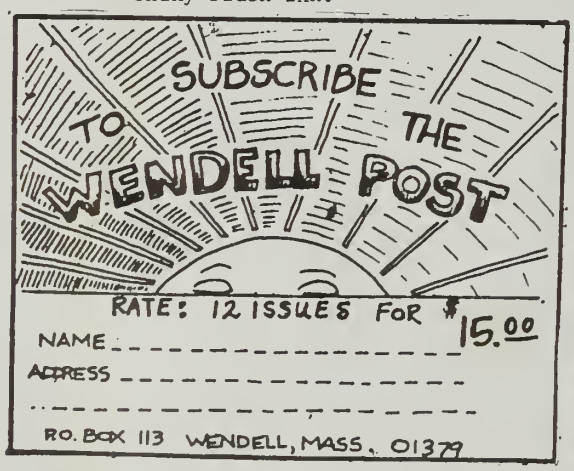

LETTERS

To the Post-

I hear that in Newfoundland they use old boxcars as "low income" housing, barns, toolsheds, puppetry theatres, workshops and art studios. We have 1200 of them sitting in Buckland just waiting to be destroyed and scrapped.

I thought if a bunch of us got together, we could make it worth a contractor's effort to haul a few of them to Wendell for various uses. It seems a shame to have these hurricane earthquake and fire-resistant portable buildings destroyed. Think of it and contact me for more information.

Bill Sibson

Courage through self defense

Twenty years ago, when I was 17, I was being hit by an ex-boyfriend and was too naive to yell for help.

Two weeks ago, 6 other women and my self took a self defence course at the Flying Tiger Karate studio for women in Greenfield. Nervous at first, I felt like Dorothy's lion friend in the Wizard of Oz who was afraid of his own shadow.

After spending 4 hours with Jaimee, the head instructor, we all felt more confident about ourselves. Now I'm not saying that if Arnold Schwartznenhager threatened me, I could flip him across the room, but we did learn to use our voices, break out of holds, and to listen to our intuition. Just doing that could keep us out of a dangerous situation.

Is a self defense class for you? Jaimee states, "You have to believe that you're worth it."

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From the Right Side

MURPHY BROWN V.S DAN QUAIL OR DAN QUAIL V.S MURPHY BROWN

After watching a video of what Dan Quail said about Murphy Brown, I can assume that some people are as hard of hearing as I am.

These are the words Mr Quail used. Quote "Murphy Brown, a character who supposidly apitimizes todays intelligent, highly paid proffesional women, mocking the importance of father by bearing a child alone and calling it just another lifestyle choice.

He goes on to say, our inner cities are filled with children having children, with people who have not been able to take advantage of educational opertunities. unless we change the basic rules of society in our inner cities we cannot exspect anything to change." End quote.

Right off the bat let me make this perfectly clear,(Tricky Dicky) I think Dan Quail is a dip stick. Every time he opens his mouth he sticks his foot in it up to his kneecap, but do not misquote, or think he meant, or thought he said, or try to interpret him to suit your fancy.

In the second paragraph I cannot see where he said anything about devorced single parents or widowed single parents or single parents of a mistake. Murphy Brown chose single paranthood on her own, intentionaly. I do not watch this program so I can only go by what I hear from people who do.

Lifestyle choices are in style today, how about a program about realy neat stuff like gay lesbians living together, lets give our kids a real education. Kids like to try new things. Come to think of it, it would be a real population stopper. Except, your childern will be bringing home someone of the same sex saying, we are going to be married. How about that for a treat.

There are many people in this country that can associate with both Quail and Clinton. Draft Dodgers.

Ken Carville

The staff of the Post, after much discussion, agreed that the foregoing letter contains an objectionable attack on an identifiable group. However, the Post is printing the letter because persons are not named. While derogatory, the remarks are not libelous. The Post welcomes diverse opinions, but urges all writers not to use the Post as a weapon to hurt other people, and will withold negative, offensive material at its discretion.

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Festival Days

"The summer that never was" arrived in the last two weeks of September, in time to shine for the autumn solstice at The Wendell Harvest Festival. The Festival symbolized a true thanksgiving of not just the traditional end of harvest, but of a community coming together. Producers, directors and artists from every genre rallied round, spent their time and energy, and the town came to spend the day. Grass roots made it happen; the people made it succeed.

I arrived on the town common with my friend Philippa, who introduced me to Wendell the summer before: we all have thanks to give. Susan DunLany organized a bountiful breakfast with a team of cooks and professional table side service: a delicious way to start the day. The proceeds from breakfast went to benefit the Swift River School.

We bounded out of the town hall and into the Art Exhibit organized by Jake Graton. I fell in love with a watercolour by Laura Kaye, and a few days later, found it adorning the walls of Bob Ellis' home. Nina Keller and Jean Forward put together the Garden and Kitchen Show which lit up the Old Fire Hall with earthly delights.

The smell of apples lured us to an old-fashioned cider press managed by Sean Burke and a gaggle of kids. They pressed the day away and supplied juice so good, that it was difficult to keep up with the demand.

While quenching our thirst, the beat of the drums called us to gather round. Kuumba and her Little African Dancers moved in primordial rhythms with the drummers. Music and dance set the tone of celebration for the festival and I found the theme of sharing when I spoke with Divya after the performance. Divya said,"I felt honoured to drum while Serena danced and full of joy when I saw your face." Art can exist on its own, but when shared, creates a full circle of giving.

Debbie Pulchowski coordinated the tag sale to benefit the school. Kerry Stone found a great deal on a new futon and frame. A Chinese Auction by Anne Diemand helped to swell the growing fund for the new town well. Peter Rooney spent much time and money to have the hay wagon ready for rides.

Jonathan von Ranson lined up the talent and skill showcase. Sylvia Wetherby brought her goats and goat cheese, Bob Shulman his beehive. While Charles Smith told a tale of the Nipmuk Indians, Phyllis Lawrence spun wool. Lyn Diemand was on hand with turkeys and maple syrup from the farm. She had decided that it was a "flexible day." Sally Alley Muffin Stuffin told of the strength of peace through the power of Tai Chi and led us in a demonstration. We tried to feel our energy through our hands, pull at it like dough and roll it into a ball.

Doug Tanner arranged the Acoustic Music Jam which featured local talent, new and old. Thoughout the day music filled the air, circles formed and stories were told.

Anne Perkins demonstrated the Feldenkrais method of awareness through movement: no pain with much gain.

Gail Krutka and Mez Davis gathered the children for story time in the meeting house. Afterwards, the kids exploded on the common with imagination.

By the sound of her chimes we met Deva and her dog Keysa. We sat with them beneath the trees. Between friendly bites, Philippa treated Keysa's back as Deva told us about their hike to the festival. In the early morning light, by the twin ponds they sighted a moose. An image we hope will emerge from Bob Ellis' studio.

From candy apples to egg rolls we ate our way to supper: a New England boiled dinner to benefit everyone's taste buds and Rosalie Rosser's Good Neighbours program. Shirley White directed the Contra Dance. Thanks go to Steve Broll for set up and Dan Keller for clean up.

Parker gave me a friendly shoulder to lean on and in his big yellow taxi, Bob gave me a ride home.

A special thanks to all the organizers, those named and unnamed, for their efforts and labours that made the Harvest Festival happen, and to those who came to participate, to share and to enjoy. For truly, a gift given is an action of love; a thing received is in turn a feeling offered back: the gift is eternally returned. Thank You, Wendell.

Delores O'Reilly

photos by Gloria Kegelef

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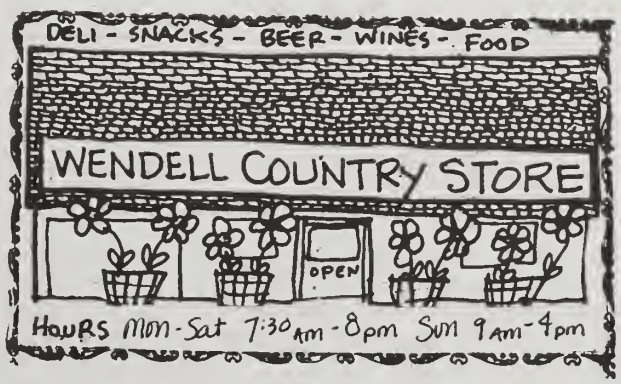

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WRATS UPDATE

From the Board of Health

As most WRATS patrons are probably aware, we have had to reduce our plastics recycling program to the point where the only containers we can recycle are those made of clear and colored plastic marked #2 - no other plastic containers are currently marketable.

We regret having to take this step, but at least under the new program we are seeing the beginnings of a regional approach that we hope will attract other towns so we can market this product more effectively.

Unfortunately, due to problems with our paper recycler, American Tissue of Baldwinville, we are facing a further reduction in our ability to recycle short fiber paper (cereal boxes etc.).
We currently have no market for this type of paper and will be forced to landfill this product at the going rate of $50 per ton. Please continue to separate this paper at least a little while longer while we research other recycling options.

DAVID WALSH

THE WHITE RAT STORY

In late June, rat complaints Where coming from Jennison Rodd. It Was becoming, a problem. Jean Daley called my dad, Dave Walsh. So Dave, I, my brother Brendan and my neighbor Dennis Nolan-Heinemann, Bob Leet and his wife came too. So we Went and checked it out. We talked to one of the peple who had rats near her home, thier was two dead rats 6 to 12 inces long. We put them in a bag to have them tested for diseases. We went up the road to Mr. Gomberg's house and talked to him. The rats were making homes in his stone wall. Mr. Gomberg cdught rats in have a heart trap, but the rats could run through the mesh. After that we went home. A few days later. We came back with Charles Kanieckī. We went back to Mr. Gomberg's house. Mr. Gomberg said that people came and fed the rats. He also said that the people who lived down the street told him thdt before the rats came they saw a yellow car pull up to the rock the rats lived and took cages out of the car and opened them then took the cages back and left.

Within a few more visets the rats had disiperied. Then rat compliants came from Mormon Hollow Road. But there were only one or two dead rats there.

Liam Walsh
Oct 17, 1992

Jon Takes Sabbatical

With this issue Jonathan von Ranson takes leave of our staff after many years as a major mover in the "Wendell Post" effort. We who have worked with him are appreciative of the time and caring he has donated to this community project. Jonathan's values place a high premium on the importance of citizen volunteerism. His own actions are consistent with his beliefs, he puts his body where his mouth is. Being a professional journalist, Jonathan has always challenged us to use the public's right to know as an important criteria when making decisions about appropriate newspaper content. We thank him for his time and energy as part of the regular "Post" team. It would not be a surprise, if writer that he is, he were to be inspired to continue to submit stories from time to time.

K. BECKER

DECEMBER 1 - 14 there will be a silent auction on holiday desserts to be made between Dec.22 and Jan. 2, 1993. Auction will take place at the Center Post Office. Interested in committing to make a dessert? Call me at 544-6111 or 544-3806.
Annie Diemand

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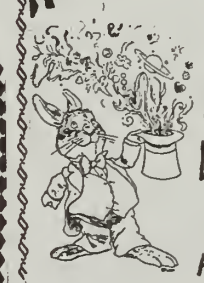
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Wendell Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
July 28, 1992

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. Members Present: Margo Culley, Anne Zak, Ted Lewis.

New Salem Road Construction: Michael Anderson, Danny Bacigalupo, Raymond Avery and Dorothy Cleveland attended the meeting to discuss New Salem Road construction as it affects the Clevelands' property. Mr. Bacigalupo will put a catch basin and a berm on either side of the road to fix the Clevelands' driveway before September, 1992. He will also erect stop signs on Moosehorn Road.

David Walsh, Board of Health Chairman, attended the meeting with a request the Wendell Selectboard contact the Orange Selectboard re: contract to lock in the price of $50 per load for dumping. Mr. Walsh also reported that the County Health Officer informed him that only 10% of Camp Anderson is actually in Shutesbury and therefore Wendell should be responsible for the County Wire Inspection costs. The Selectboard will investigate these claims since the outcome will affect Wendell's liability insurance.

Selectboard members reminded Mr. Walsh of the scheduled All Board Meeting on Saturday, August 1st.

Heather Lenz of Bear Mountain Road attended the meeting to discuss with the Board her plans for a tree planting ceremony on Saturday, September 5, 1992. Ms. Lenz said the ceremony which is designed to solve differences through communication, should last approximately one hour (11:00 a.m. to noon). She suggested a white pine for the tree, and Ted Lewis offered to donate a tree from his property. Ms. Lenz is planning a pot luck luncheon after the ceremony.

Board members voted unanimously to return the Good Neighbors Town Hall rental check to compensate for the low monetary return they realized from their dinner dance. This action is not precedent setting; in the future all rentals will be collected.

Street Numbering Committee: Peter Rooney attended the meeting to inform the Selectboard the Committee has the final say on changing street names and they are not required to put such actions to a town vote. The Board requested they put their plans for name changes before the Town at a Special Town Meeting as a courtesy gesture. Mr. Rooney requested appointments of two new members to the Street Numbering Committee, and Elizabeth Scully momentarily stepped out of clerk position to volunteer her services to this committee. Mr. Rooney will take her offer to the other committee members.

The American Disabilities Act (Title II) which applies to municipalities became effective on January 26, 1992. It is the intent of the Town of Wendell to fully comply with the provisions of the ADA; the town is conducting a self-evaluation of its facilities, programs, and services. The evaluation is expected to be completed by December 31, 1992 and a report issued by January 26, 1993.

Ms. Zak, Ms. Culley and Mr. Lewis will each be in contact with the Governor's Office by phone re: Small Town School Aid.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Minutes
August 11, 1992

Members present: Margo Culley, Ted Lewis, Anne Zak.

Bob Leet, Board of Health member, attended the meeting to discuss recycling contracts with Selectboard members. The Selectboard signed the Kreamer contract, and Judith Wilder notarized the document.

Selectboard received a letter from the Town of Westport requesting Wendell join them in a lawsuit against the state for full reimbursement of the in-lieu-of-taxes payments. Selectboard members agreed to respond with a non-committal letter of encouragement until Kathleen Ramsey is able to check into the cost to Wendell of such an action.

The Wendell Well Fund drawing will be held at the Senior Center on August 19, 1992 at the Wendell Golden Age Club's monthly meeting.

Ms. Ramsey reported the Community Development Block Grant was approved. The Senior Center will be made Disabled Accessible.

Ms. Ramsey submitted for Selectboard approval a schedule of legal holidays for the Town of Wendell.

The Board received a proposal for wiring of the FS/HG from Jay Blackbird at a cost of $675. They also received one from Rex Jarvis for a two line phone wiring for the Town Offices at a cost of $72.88.

There will be a meeting on August 25, 1992 re: liability coverage for events held on town property. This will include private groups such as Full Moon Coffee Houses, public events such as Old Home Day, and volunteer activities such as painting town buildings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes
August 25, 1992

Members present: Margo Culley, Anne Zak, Ted Lewis.

Carolyn Manley attended the meeting to report on the Swift River School Committee appointments and the unanticipated state aid money. Ms. Manley suggested Jake Graton and Pam Perrell as possible school committee members. Ms. Culley suggested Karen Traub from West Road as another. Ms. Manley stated that because of the additional $40,000 Cherry Sheet funding to schools, the School Committee would like an article on the Special Town Meeting Warrant requesting $3,900 to be allotted to one additional day of physical education at Swift River School

John Barry of P/Z Massamont Insurance Company attended the meeting to discuss municipal insurance coverage for town paid workers and volunteers. Mr. Barry assured the Board that all paid workers and volunteers are covered under the town's liability insurance. However, anyone using the town property for personal monetary gain should carry their own insurance.

Board members agreed to put an ad in the Athol paper for help to paint town buildings.

Westport lawsuit: Board members agreed to put an article on the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting for a town vote.

Board members signed the Primary Election Warrant.

Request for permission to give a key to Michael Anderson for town buildings for emergency repairs was granted.

Telephone rewiring is waiting for a word from Jay Blackbird.

The Board okayed the renewal of the copier contract.

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SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Also okayed by the Board was the Recycling Equipment Grant.

The Board approved $50 for dog liability to be put on the Warrant. Money is to come from the Miscellaneous Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Minutes
September 1, 1992

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m Members present: Margo Culley Anne Zak, Ted Lewis.

Wendell Finance Committee met with the Selectboard to discuss the Warrant Articles for the Special Town Meeting on September 29, 1992. The following are suggestions for the use of the $21,000 additional Cherry Sheet funds to the Town of Wendell:

Emergency equipment for the Police and Fire Departments;
Capital Stabilization Fund;
Matching 10% for new computer fund;
3% raise for all Town hired workers.

One or all of the above would be added as warrant articles for the Special Town Meeting.

The Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Agency has ordained it necessary for all emergency workers to be offered Hepatitis vaccinations. The Board estimates there are approximately 14 people who are eligible for these shots. The cost is $129 per person.

The Recreation Committee requested the use of a town building for Tai Chi instruction. The Board requests they pass a hat for donations of about $5 per meeting to help with the cost of fuel.

Minutes
September 8, 1992

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Margo Culley, Anne Zak, Ted Lewis.

Anne Perkins attended the meeting to request the use of the Senior Center for classes in Feldenchrist Healing. She will take the space on a temporary basis at a fee of $2 per client per day until she is better able to determine the degree of interest in town for this service.

Shawn Ricken of Lake Grove School (formerly Lake Grove Maple Valley) attended the meeting to request the use of the Common for physical education classes for the students of that school The Board agreed to allow the Common for this use providing they adjourn the classes prior to the arrival of the school buses which drop children off after school The Board also suggested he contact the Principal of Swift River School and request the use of the school gym.

Carolyn Manley, Swift River School Committee Chairperson, attended the meeting with a request the Board appoint Pamela Hathaway-Perrell and Jacques Graton as Wendell School Committee members. Also discussed was the trash removal from the school (which town is responsible for same) and the Swift River Construction Reimbursement. The Finance Committee joined in this discussion, and Elizabeth Crawford will write a letter requesting a meeting of both the Wendell and the New Salem Selectboards, the Swift River School Committee, and both Finance Committees to discuss this issue further.

Ms. Manley also requested that $3,358 appear on the warrant as an assessment increase without a specific designation.

Minutes
September 29, 1992

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Anne Zak. (Margo Culley was unable to attend because of family illness and Ted Lewis had a family emergency.)

Bids for the painting of town buildings were reviewed at 7:15 p.m. No votes were taken at this time because of a lack of a quorum. A copy of the Bids are attached.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

October 6, 1992

Meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Margo Culley and Ted Lewis. There was a slight delay because of a Special Town Meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. which had to be postponed due to a lack of a quorum. Warrants were signed, and correspondence reviewed.

Board accepted the donation of $105 from the Council on Aging as a gift to pay for the latest copier service call. The COA uses the copy machine to process their newsletter mailings.

Painting town buildings: Board members decided to request Butler and Omega to submit another bid sans windows and prep work as described in original bid form, since the funds on hand for this work is less than the bids received.

Board members agreed to join the Wholesale Depot and pay the $25 fee from the Miscellaneous Account. This will be a good source for supplies.

Board members okayed the Comprehensive and Collision Insurance for the Loader and the Grader.

Signs for the Special Town Meeting: Ms Culley offered to be responsible for placing these.

Ted Lewis will speak to the Town Clerk re: Registry of Vital Records inquiry.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Scully
Selectboard Clerk

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Treasure and Measures

Katherine Judice and her family have donated historic objects and material that they found and cared for in their family home, the old parsonage, on Montague Road near the center of town. The historic material was presented to the Town recently at a Special Town Meeting. The materials have to do with records and gear related to keeping weights and measures accurate, during the days when it was the town's responsibility to see that goods heading for market weighed the true amount that was claimed by the hauler. The records of the business activities in this town start in the 30's and go into the early 50's. The day to day business dealings of many well known farmers and businessmen are documented. The last keeper of the Weights and Measures was Harry Thayer. This is very interesting material. Thanks to the Judices for giving these treasures to the town.

Anyone with recollections and stories about the town's system of Weights and Measures is invited to contact the "Post" for future articles relating to this exciting find.

Kathy Becker

Library notes...

With less open hours due to "no 2 1/2" it's going to take more community participation to maintain the level of services we've all become accustomed to at the Wendell Free Library. A couple of regular volunteers to assist with circulation and shelving on Wednesday between 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. would make a big difference. If you can commit a couple of hours each week during that time, we will train you. It's fun and it's a wonderful way to help your neighbors.

Also help is still needed to sand and polyurethane the new basement floor, as well as to help paint the walk.

We are now circulating videos from Shutesbury, New Salem and Athol Libraries in addition to our own collection. One video, Heaven Can Wait, seems to have snuck away from us. If you have it, please return it A.S.A.P. Also, in general, I would appreciate it if everybody could make an effort to get any long overdue library materials back to us. Sending out bills and ovedue notices for late materials is time-consuming.

See you in the library — Rosie Heidkamp.

FRESH NEW COMMITTEE!

The new and improved Wendell School Committee has elected as Chair, Carolyn Manley and as Secretary, Pam Hathaway. Pam Hathaway and Jake Graton are newly appointed members.

The School Committee, after having gone through changes in a summer of difficult budget negotiations, has stabilized and is ready to tackle whatever problems come along.

The Committee would like to remind Wendell citizens that all are welcome to the meetings which are usually held the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

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Please contact: Rosalie at 544-6850 for more information

Joann Aalfs

Posting Place

Meeting House Fall '92 Event Schedule

MONDAY

Exercise with Gail, 8:30 a.m.-9:15a.m./$1.00

TUESDAY

Exercise with Laura, 8:30a.m.-9:15a.m./$1.00

Fimo clay classes with Gail, (2nd to 4th grade), 3p.m.-5p.m./$25.00 per 4 week session.

WEDNESDAY

Exercise with Gail, 8:30a.m.-9:15a.m./$1.00

Beginners African Dance with Serena Stone, young adult to adult- 6:30p.m.-8:00p.m./10.00 per class or $35.00 per 4 week session.

THURSDAY

Fimo Clay Class with Gail, (2nd to 4th grade), 3p.m.-5p.m./$25.00 per 4 week session.

FRIDAY

Exercise with Laura, 8:30a.m.-9:15a.m./$1.00

SATURDAY

Native American Beading Class with Gail, (young adult to adult)-10:30a.m.-1:00p.m./$50.00 per four week session or $15.00 per individual class.

Fun and Games, 10:30a.m.-1:00p.m./ $1.00 admission

Childrens African Dance Class with Serena Stone, 2:00p.m.-3:00p.m./ $25.00 per 4 week session.

Drumming Class with Ade Bayo, 3:00-4:00p.m./$25.00 per 4 week session.

Holiday Arts/Crafts Fair

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Meeting House Thanks

A sincere and heartfelt thanks to Gail A. Krutka for fixing the windows in the Meeting House! We'll all be a little warmer this winter! Thanks Gail!

Thank you to Laura Kaye as well for her donation of silkskreen equipment to the Meeting House!

Both Laura Doughty and Gail Krutka have been leading exercise classes at the Meeting House Monday, Tuesday, Wendsday and Friday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.- Thanks for your labor of love ladies. We all are feeling better•and trimmer! Come and join us- No sign up! Just show up!

mez davis

Police Log

8/06 Resident on Rush Road reported disturbance nest door.
8/11 New Salem Road resident reports harassing phone calls.
8/31 Pick-up door stolen from Wendell Depot residence.
9/09 New Salem Road resident reports about 30 bales of hay stolen from barn.
9/30 Maple Valley School reports 2 run-aways.
10/11 Vandalism to an electric meter at residence on Locksvillage Rd. and to old highway garage.

Land Transfers

Bardsley, David and Sandra to Fleet Mortgage Corp, Wendell Depot Road- three acres and buildings July 3,1992 $76,135.87
Annette J. Mahoney (Obuchon) to John J. Laprade, Farley Road- 3.57 A. and trailer June 3, 1992 $15,000.00
Wayne, Jr.& Doris M. Douglas to Arthur D. and Maureen L. Johnson- 2.94 A. and bldgs.-Rush Road July 14, 1992-$93,500.00
Edward J. & Claire P. Farmer to ABT Corp. as trustee of Colex Realty Trust- 2.80A. and bldgs. Wendell Depot Road August 21,1992- $16,600.00
Frank R. Judice to Paul and Melinda Godfrey, Montague and Wickett Pond Road-44.0328A. & bldgs. Sept. 1, 1992-$195,000.00

Vital Statistics

Oct-Nov '92

Birth
8/14/92 Katharine A. Green born to Sarah Marie Kohler and Mark Owen Smallidge in Greenfield.
8/22/92 Debbie R. Ames born to Louanne and Frank Soos in Northampton

Marriage
7/23/92 Craig Lewis Grogan and Dyan Elizabeth Smith In Leyden.

Death
7/27/92 Melvin Frederick Columbia in Greenfield.

WISH YOU COULD JUST WOMP UP SOME OUTRAGEOUSLY GOOD FARE?

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I have long been absolutely convinced that if you like food and have a desire to, ***you can be an excellent cook.*** For a long time I have wanted to conduct a "sans recipe culinary empowerment" cooking class. My intent is to provide you with the encouragement and knowledge you need to delight and astound those worthy of your most important efforts. This will be achieved through a five part series of multinational cooking and dining experiences: shopping thru eating. The object is to simplify rather than intimidate, to make a time in our lives to appreciate food, and to have fun. No preconcieved menu's or recipes will be needed but be prepared to commit a few hours of your time. We'll meet twice a month. Limited to six folks per group. Call Myron 544-2086 if interested.

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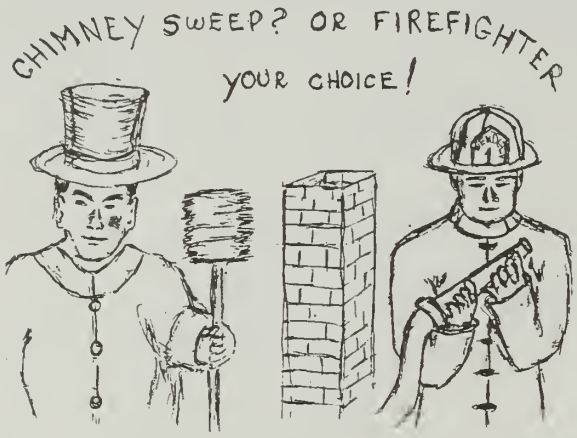
HOT NEWS

The Wendell Fire Dept. has been actively raising money for much needed equipment and gear. As a result of much hard work and your generosity, we have now raised enough money for our fourth (S.C.B.A.) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.

We are still planning many fund raisers over the next several months. Our next priority purchase is turn out gear and pagers. It takes over $900 to outfit one firefighter properly and safely.

We are also going to start running a "Fire Tip" in the Wendell Post in the months to come.



HOT NIGHT IN WENDELL

Stand by to receive a transmission. On an unspecified night in January, something is going to happen. Are you receiving this loud and clear? The Wendell Fire Association will host a night of skits and vignettes (mini-skits). Every Wendell group known to humankind, including families, is therefore invited to put together a skit. This night of entertainment will benefit the Fire Association's quest to buy protective basic gear for our firefighters to save them from the horrible climates they tend to crawl into. This is such a good cause! It will save you paying for gear out of taxes, and, it will be a night of surprises and plain old-fashioned community fun. Start thinking about your skit. The theme is what IS a hot night here in Wendell world? G-rated material only. Everyone with a bent for this kind of fun, get ready. The rest of you, be prepared to be dazzled and amazed by what our Wendell minds will come up with. Contacts are China (544-3494) and Kathy (544-2086) to sign up. Received okay? Over and Out.

by Kathy Becker

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REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Meeting originally scheduled for Oct. 6 was recessed due to a religious holiday conflict to Oct. 13. After a full night's work on money articles, this meeting again stands at recess until Oct. 27 at 7:00.

The Oct. 13th meeting started promptly at 7:01pm; the more than ample quorum swelling to over 50 at times. All money article were moved forward to facilitate the Assessor's in getting out timely tax bills, leaving the controversial naming of roads as the last items of business.

The most dramatic action taken was unanimous approval to join the Town of Westport in a lawsuit against the Commonwealth seeking full reimbursement in lieu of taxes for state owned lands. Officials are hopeful that this one time cost of $900 will result in a future restoration of payments to the town for state forests.

The Finance Committee was very cautious in recommending articles that might wait for Annual Town Meeting or that were not immediately vital. Voters over-rode a negative FinCom recommendation 3 times: $1,600 for rating and posting two bridges on Jennison and Cooleyville Roads because of liability concerns; $675 for wiring the upstairs of the Highway/Fire Station was approved because of concerns over fire hazards from extension cords in a space used by young people (Boy Scouts). A majority vote approval of an additional $3,359 to the Swift River School to enable the offering of a 2nd day of PE was given after a great deal of debate and failed amendment attempts. The strong argument was put forward that this amount would prevent the loss of major state grant monies by putting the town in compliance with several relevant state mandates.

In other action, voters approved long awaited modest salary increases for town employees, amounting to $3,874.21; approved repair of a WFD tanker, repair of a roof vent on the fire station/highway garage, $2,970 for hepatitis and $750 for rabies vaccinations for appropriate emergency personnel, $700 for equipment designed to handle animals in view of the current rabies alert. All of these appropriations came from the new estimated cherry sheet amounts given back to us by the state. $3,887 was voted into the Capital Stabilization Fund.

The voters defeated a motion to purchase $2,000 of computer equipment for financial officers until Annual Meeting review of this need.

A motion to establish a revolving fund for money received from motor vehicle violations was passed over.

The naming of one road was taken up, involving much discussion between the Naming and Numbering Committee and the voters. The upper portion of Locke Hill #1 is now Old Locke Hill Rd. The lower portion is Tavern Rd. A discontinued section has left these two ends as spurs. Residents of each end favored different names for their neighborhood sections. The remainder of the proposed name changes will be brought up on Oct. 27 when the meeting reconvenes at 7:00pm.

by K. Becker, Moderator

THE ELVES DID IT?

The new deck and stairs at the Town Offices are the result of Ted Lewis's efforts on a recent Saturday. Ted might "get embarrassed" at a formal Thankyou, but not as embarrassed as those of us who did not offer to help...

Here's a candid of one of our local artists, Bob Ellis, refreshing himself at the Harvest Festival.

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Wendell Police Chief (Ret.) Rupert ("Bert") Goddard entertains a lady friend in his kitchen recently.

Debbie Pulchowski and Lisa Aubin

PTCA News

SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL

What the PTCA accomplishes is the direct result of the combined efforts of its membership. You all make a difference, whether you are contributing baked goods for Teacher Appreciation Day, or master-minding the organization of Field Day. We as parents and community members have to assume some responsibility for Swift River School. This is our school! The power we have to effect change is a cumulative one...it takes many small and large contributions of time and energy to make a difference.

I regret that I will be unable to continue as Co-chair for the full school year. Working on the PTCA executive board has been a rewarding experience. We have much to be proud of.

I urge you to consider being nominated for one of the executive board positions. Our next general meeting is November 19th at 7:30 pm. in the school library. At that time, we will offer a program of special interest and follow the program with our annual elections.

Some of the present board members are interested in continuing for a second term. Here is the present board status...

Co-chair	Linda James	Not continuing
Co-chair	Lisa Finestone	Not continuing
Treasurer	Bette Richard	Continuing
Secretary	Millie Postema	Not continuing
Member-at-Large	Beth Haggerty	Continuing
Member-at-Large	Debbie Puchalski	Continuing
Volunteer Co-ordinator	Leslie Taylor	Not continuing

If you are interested, you or a friend may place your name in nomination. Forms will be available in the school newsletter that comes out at the end of October.

We need new people on the PTCA Board. The leadership of our organization needs to be a dynamic force. New people and new ideas keep us vital.

Linda James

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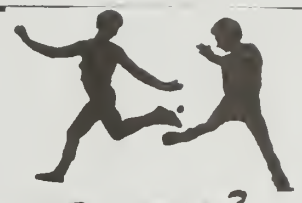

WHY FOOTBAG?

It was while playing footbag with Indian people on the slopes of Central American volcanoes that I stumbled upon my true source of power and greatest gift.

In my life, the joy that I've experienced dancing and connecting with strangers through footbag (or "hacky sack"), found its perfect manefestation as a tool of citizen diplomacy and peace education. Footbag has worked equally well in Guatemala bridging barriers between "Gringos" and "Indios" as it has in cultivating self-esteem and peer communication amongst juvenile delinquents in the USA.

The magic of footbag lies in the uncanny way the game has of drawing people together...people of any social background or playing ability. Footbaggers speak of a collective bliss where the energy of the dancing whole captivates and transforms the separate individual athletes. Footbag is of course, just a metaphor and a symbol of everything else we do to and with each other as human beings. But, as one of the few intrinsically cooperative sports, as a game which resonates intimately with nearly every world culture (including American subcultures, eg. Skinhead, Deadhead, yuppie, jock, etc.) as a uniquely integrated, total-body, aerobic and meditative workout... footbag deserves a second look.

For nearly three years I was disabled by a painful injury-induced arthritic condition in my knees and had to give up my beloved sport, I assumed, forever. Healing my knees turned out to involve much inner work and healing of the spirit, apart from rebuilding muscles around the injured joints. In the dry Colorado air I began kicking seriously again this summer, and by the grace of good fortune have largely managed to sustain daily workouts into the Autumn. Having kissed it goodbye, a sweet, unexpected reprieve!

The Footbag Peace Initiative is a citizen-based effort to promote human understanding, interaction and respect via the universal language of play. The FPI is currently seeking footbag enthusiasts, peace activists and street performers to participate in a 1993 Latin America friendship expedition. Have you ever felt you had a greater gift to give? Do you believe that smiles are stronger than dollars? Do you love to dance and work out with other people? Speak Spanish?

Traditional politics cannot achieve the changes in global consciousness critical to our survival into the 21st century. Its time for us little people to politicize the very elements of our lives by taking to the streets that which we love, that which is worth living for. Join me.

Daniel Botkin

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DANCE
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8:30 pm
$4.00

HALLOWEEN TALES

7:00 p.m. at the Wendell Town Hall on Halloween (Saturday October 31st)

Professional storyteller Tim Von Egmond will tell scary and not so scary stories (and share a song or two) for kids and their families. We'll start with a little cider and take time for the kids to show off their costumes, so don't be late.

The program is sponsored by the Wendell Free Library and its "Friends" and made possible through a grant from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation. For more information call the library: 544-3559.

TEEN DANCE

A dance for Wendell teens and their guests will follow at 8:30 p.m. Costumes optional but B.Y.O.T. (Bring your own tapes). The dance is sponsored by the Wendell Recreation Committee. For more information call Beth Erviti 544-3250.

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Howling at the Full Moon...

It was a snowy night in the winter of 1985-1986, a blizzard to be exact, when the first performers took the stage at the Full Moon Coffeehouse. Nat Needle and Debbie Fier were the performers. There was standing room only at the town hall that night. And there was a burning issue that needed attention and funding: The Route 2 relocation project.

The Coffeehouse was the brainchild of Josh Dostis. He had lots of help in the early days from the original committee members which included Anne Zak, Dale Kowacki, Susan DunLany Charles Smith, Brenda Vincent, Jimmy Two Feathers and Ed Boland. Each coffeehouse benefitted the Route 2 Coalition, which was established to protect Bear Mountain and the Wendell State Forest from a proposal to relocate a portion of Route 2 right through the forest. Fortunately, and with the help of the coffeehouse, this proposal was defeated.

Klondike donated the sound equipment and the performers all played for free (sounds like a Joni Mitchell song). The homemade lighting "used to be strung from the rafters" according to Anne Zak. Lights were strung over the fluorescent fixtures, a procedure that took Jimmy Two Feathers many, many hours to execute. Eventually, the coffeehouse bought and donated the current stage lighting to the Town Hall.

The bake sale was a real community effort. Dubbed "Desert O Rama", as many as 50 people used to bake for the coffeehouse. Wendell Country Store, at that time owned by Anne Zak, used to donate coffee and milk. Anne became the coffeehouse coordinator. During the second year, performers received a nominal fee to play. Josh Dostis started his now infamous "fickle finger of fate" routine, in which unsuspecting members of the audience were pulled on to the stage and made to perform. The coffeehouse became known as a wonderful, zany affair with a lively and unpredictable open mike before the main act.

In 1989 Anne Zak left the committee and Josh became the coordinator. Requests from performers to play at the coffeehouse were pouring in from all over. The Route 2 issue was no longer the guiding force for the coffeehouse; it was time for the coffeehouse to define itself in a new way.

The "new coffeehouse order" included defining itself as an environmental organization in a broad sense. Committee members recognized the need to benefit local groups, to appeal to the community at large, as well as to begin to bring in some of the more regional and national names who wanted to play. Rather than benefitting a single cause (such as Route 2). the coffeehouse chose a different group each month to do the bake sale, and to receive 40% of the gate.

The current committee consists of Michael and Kate Bloomfield, Myron and Kathy Becker, Greg Stone, Matt and Laurie Stamell, Ed Boland, Tom and Lisa Sullivan and Paul Lefavre. Some of the good energy from the early days is still alive in this group. We look to present a vibrant, balanced menu of various kinds of music and local theatre. We hope to keep the coffeehouse community based, with a regional appeal and with the spontaneity and zaniness which has always been there. This is Wendell, after all.

A lot is missing from this brief history; many people who should have been mentioned probably were not, although not intentionally. Also missing is the feeling of specialness and excitement that comes around with each full moon, the comraderie of working with a great group of people to put on an exciting community musical event.

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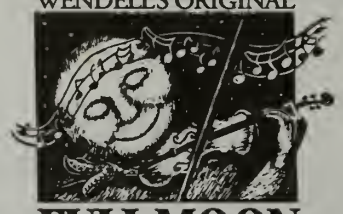

FULL MOON COFFEEHOUSE

UPCOMING EVENTS 1992-93

November 14
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December 12
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January 9
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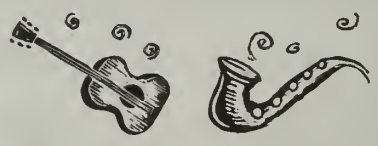

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